(a) Whether street vendors/hawkers in and around pilgrim centres are a major cause of concern for pilgrims and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) The steps taken by the Government to regulate street vending activities?

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) & (b): The establishment of Street Vendors make significant contribution to the economy of the cities including pilgrim centres, by providing employment to the poor as well as supply of affordable goods and services to the residents and visitors. To protect livelihoods of the Street Vendors and to regulate their activities, the “Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 has been enacted by the Parliament.

The State Governments are in the process of making rules and scheme under this Act.